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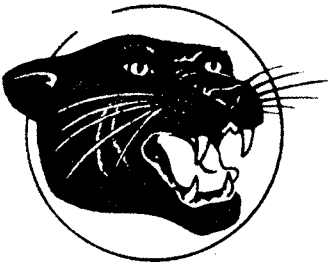
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# **Panther Sports News**

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Six soccer preps and one junior college transfer have signed scholarships to attend perennial NCAA tournament participant Eastern Illinois University, Coach Schellas Hyndman announced.

The seven recruits are Matt Gamache of St. Louis University HS, Greg Oidtman of Addison York HS, Robert Craig of Chicago Gordon Tech, Chris Hagemann of St. Charles, Kevin Kyle and Greg Mellor, both of Livermore, CA, and Lewis & Clark CC transfer Robbie Mann of Collinsville.

Gamache was a Missouri prep all-stater who led University HS with 12 goals. "He's a midfielder who has an outstanding ball touch and will vie for a starting spot," said Hyndman.

Oidtman, another mid-fielder, was chosen First Team All-State by Illinois' coaches association. "He's also playing major division amateur soccer in the Chicago area, and can play both defense and midfield."

Craig is a Second Team All-Stater who was the Most Valuable Player in the Chicago Catholic League. A defensive player, he is "also playing major division soccer in Chicago and is a very strong player," Hyndman said.

Hagemann is a goalie who "comes highly recommended as the best in the state although he was overlooked on the all-state teams . . . I'd compare him to John Baretta (former EIU standout) who's playing in the MISL and for a Canadian pro team now."

Kyle and Mellor were California prep all-staters as defensive standouts. "Kyle has been selected for McDonald's All-American team and at 6-2 has excellent skills for someone his size . . . he can go at either midfield or defense.

"Mellor is a stopperback who was one of the most highly recruited players out of California. He's about 6-0, 190 and has tremendous strength."

Mann started for Lewis & Clark which finished second in the national JC meet. "He's also a midfielder and has the collegiate experience to be able to come in immediately and help us," Hyndman said.